GL's Speech; Or, The Swan Doesn't Sing- He Croaks.

This was not The Old Nixon or The New Nixon. It was a different Nixon, scared to the point where he must have made Murray Chotiner sick. He winced, several times made a slight face he couldn't control, as though he were about to vomit, and if I remember correctly, when he spoke so highly of the Nazi Mafia. I couldn't see it, but I'm aure the black Lincoln behind him (the corn was deep and all green) winced, too.

When Any Nixon doesn't attack, he knows he's had it. Last night he didn't, and it was not in any way a good speech. The conservatives will, I think, be strong in criticism. I mean the Kilpatricks and the like more than the pols, who have survival problems.

I have never doubted he had personal involvement in criminality. What I did doubt was that we'd be able to bring it out or see others do this. I read this speech and his entire manner as saying he now expects at least some to come out.

He looked different in other ways. Paler, thinner in the face. I think whipped, too. Pretty subjective, but this is a Nixon this old Nixon-watcher never saw before.

I am more than ever convinced that I was close to the jugular in my FOI requests to Clawson and Dean. And in trying to focus on Hunt. (How little of his testimony has leaked! But how much of that of others!)

I haven't really thought all this through. These are impressions. But we know, if the press has failed to spell it out, that his closest of all his Dedicated Wrong are real criminals. If nothing else, and I think this is relatively minor, Hunt forged, while he was on the White House payroll, and those who knew were silent. That also is a crime, accessory. How many knew, that many accessories. I believe that if Hunt did this kind of thing, he did more - and worse. And not in complete secrecy.

Colson hired him for Pent. Papers. They are now hooked on their own cover story.

When Nixon walked into the press room to say Kick me around again, boys, you have to know

His gratuitous endorsement of the Nazi Mafia, so wrong under the circumstances, means to me that they have too much on him. I have always felt it possible if not probable that he was the commander of the various projects, if not the operational chief. This says they have the proof of this of he knew of their illegalities. Accessory is more of a crime for a President.

Going after Dean was also a mistake. It may be that Dean had sung, had made up his mind to, or was uncertain. Whatever is the case, and my hunch is that he said enough to make an immunity offer attractive, it guarantees that Dean has less choice. GL has ordained no immunity, of course.

STM(East) had a simple comment about barn doors, which may say it all.

Being a day behind with fast-breaking developments may mean being out of it. But from what I've heard, I think we have some kind of clue in the delay in getting The Word to Judge Byrne. What a remarkable coincidence between the end of that delay and GL's less than deathless words, also so long delayed.

I'd be interested in knowning of the Js, who did not see TV, see anything like what I think I did in the still pictures they see.